

Arlington Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes June 15, 2017

Present: Mara Klein Collins, Jim Munsey, Paul Raia, Noreen Murphy, Jill Greenlee, Rick Fentin, Ann Fitzgerald, Dick Phelps, and Marge Vanderhill.

A. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Mara Klein Collins at 6:03PM on June 15, 2017, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA.

B. Minutes of May 18, 2017, moved by Noreen, approved by all.

C. Report of the Chair

Chair attended a meeting regarding the Friends situation. The Health and Charitable Fund of Human Resources will be our fundraiser. The gift fund of the COA (discretionary) can also accept donations.

D. Executive Directors Report:

1. Older American's Month was a success with many programs well attended.
2. Secured Selectman's approval to run the annual 5K race through the HHS Charitable Corp. Race date set for Sunday, September 10
3. Fiscal year end activities under way to close out books for the year
4. Dana Whittie has joined the HHS/COA as a placement through Operation ABLE. Dana will most often be in the reception area.
5. Received a grant of \$34,500 from the Sanborn Foundation to provide rides to cancer treatments
6. Received a \$1,000 donation from Arlington Liquors
7. Received a \$750 donation from Home Instead Senior Care
8. Completed a \$51,900 grant request to MassDot for a new van. Notifications will occur next year.
9. Completed the Symmes grant request to support COA Transportation
10. ED will be in a 3-day class, June 19-21. Focus of the class is on fund-raising through the Internet.
11. Joanna Cirillo, BA, RN/BSN, MPH has joined the staff. Joanna is scheduled for numerous training opportunities during June
12. June programming is heavy and has consumed a lot of time. There are 5 large events and those remaining include 75 5th graders from Bishop School that will sing for us on June 19, the Arlington Police Department will be at the center hosting a Pedestrian Safety program on June 22, and the finale of the month will be the large event at The Regent Theater - Being Mortal – Hope is Not a Plan on June 27. Please consider attending if you are able.

13. Bridges Together, the intergenerational program we have been participating in just concluded the 2nd successful program. The COA hosted 50 students as a part of the celebration.
14. Department of Transitional Assessment: Host site for SNAP for those over sixty will be decided in September. The goal is to increase contact with seniors by one stop access.
15. One driver has been dropped from transportation, but another will be added.
16. Expenses have been higher than originally projected; will meet in September.

E. Old Business:

1. Thursday, September 7, 2017, will be the next COA meeting.
2. The 5k race is set for Sunday, September 10. The goal is to continue a revenue stream for the COA and make it a multi-generational fund raiser. Volunteers and sponsors are needed. The sub committee will meet on Friday, June 23, at 9am.

F. New Business: Election of officers: current slate nominated and approved unanimously.

G. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.